

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, June 6, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Capital
spending
authorizations.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to certain capital spending authorizations (House, No. 4129) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, June 3.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Abdul
Samma.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lepper of Attleboro and Poirier of North Attleborough) in recognition of Abdul Samma for over thirty years of dedicated public service to the Annawon Council, Boy Scouts of American;

Kenneth
Feinburg.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Creedon of Brockton) congratulating Kenneth Feinburg;

Sister Christine
Kleponis.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Creedon of Brockton) congratulating Sister Christine Kleponis on the occasion of her retirement;

Sister
Paulina.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Creedon of Brockton) congratulating Sister Paulina on the occasion of her retirement;

Myles
Angeley.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Nyman of Hanover) congratulating Myles Angeley on his commitment and dedication to the community of Rockland;

Austin
Wright.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Austin Wright on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Irish Cultural
Centre.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush of Boston and other members of the House) congratulating the Irish Cultural Centre of New England;

Mary
Birmingham.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) congratulating Mrs. Mary Birmingham on her one hundredth birthday; and

United
States
Army.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Verga of Gloucester and other members of the House) congratulating the United States Army on the occasion of their two hundred and thirtieth birthday;

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under sus-

pension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Rush, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4136) of Bradford Hill (by vote of the town) relative to establishing an affordable housing trust fund in the town of Hamilton. To the committee on Housing.

Hamilton,
housing
trust fund.

By Mr. Smola of Palmer, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4137) of Todd M. Smola and Stephen M. Brewer (by vote of the town) relative to health insurance for employees of the town of Wales. To the committee on Public Service.

Wales,
health
insurance.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 694) of Brian P. Lees, Richard R. Tisei, Bruce E. Tarr, Robert L. Hedlund and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for reimbursement of human service providers for increases in minimum wage rates,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Elder Affairs.

Human
service
providers.

Of the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1350) of Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Robert J. Nyman and John H. Rogers for legislation relative to automatic amusement devices,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Automatic
amusement
devices.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2075) of Bruce E. Tarr and Anthony J. Verga (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to chapter VII of the general by-laws of the town of Essex. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Essex,
by-laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2074) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and Peter V. Kocot (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to civil service positions in the police department in the city of Northampton; and

Northampton,
civil service
police.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2076) of Richard R. Tisei, Michael E. Festa and Mark V. Falzone (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Wakefield to issue pension obligation bonds or notes;

Wakefield,
bonds.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

Teacher and
administrative
quality.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Lida E. Harkins and others for legislation to improve the quality of teaching and leadership in the public schools. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rush of Boston, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Iraq and
Afghanistan,
bonuses.

By Mr. Verga of Gloucester, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill providing for bonuses for residents of the Commonwealth who served in the Afghanistan and Iraqi conflicts (House, No. 4057, changed in section 1, in lines 4 and 5, by striking out the words "active service during the action in Afghanistan or operation enduring freedom in Iraq" and inserting in place thereof the words "active duty as part of the Global War on Terrorism", by striking out in lines 11, 27, and also in section 4, in line 2, the words "active service" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words "active duty", in section 1, in line 18, by striking out the words "Active service" and inserting in place thereof the words "Active duty", and in section 2, by inserting after the word "Reserve," in line 6, the words "Army National Guard, Air National Guard,"). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

School
employees,
insurance.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, that the Bill to clarify eligibility for health insurance for school employees (House, No. 518) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Health care,
trust fund.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on a petition, a Bill relative to the health care security trust fund (House, No. 3835, changed in section 2, line 4, by striking out the words "any fiscal year" and inserting in place thereof the following: "fiscal year 2005"; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act relative to claims trusts funds.").

Lawrence,
sanitary
district.

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 3602 and 3605, a Bill relative to the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District (House, No. 4138).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the stabilization fund of the town of Leicester (see House, No. 3847, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexander G. Gray, Jr., an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2054, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas Kellner, an employee of the Department of Highways (House, No. 3845); and

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Mary M. Putney, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4062);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) the House recessed until a quarter before twelve o'clock noon; and at that time the House was called to order with Mrs. Harkins of Needham in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexander G. Gray, Jr., an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 2054, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Alexander G.
Gray, Jr.,
sick leave
bank.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At one minute after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mrs. Harkins of Needham being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.